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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-S (385)

10 March 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 40-26 – Motorcycle/Moped Riding Rules

1. References: a. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, Appendix B-3, 12 March 1987.

b. Fort Knox Reg 385-10, Fort Knox Force Protection Program (Safety), paragraph 4-1b, 13 March 1998.

2. This policy memo provides requirements for military and Department of Defense (DOD) civilian personnel riding motorcycles and mopeds on post. In addition, the requirements of this memorandum are applicable to military personnel when operating these vehicles off post.


3. Motorcycle or moped operators will have in their possession a valid motorcycle/moped driver's license, proof of insurance, and an Army Motorcycle Safety Course card; this card verifies attendance at a Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved course provided at no cost to military and DOD civilian personnel. Visitors riding motorcycles or mopeds on Fort Knox are not required to have an Army Motorcycle Safety Course card.

4. Army and TRADOC policy is that military and DOD civilian personnel operating a motorcycle on military installations must first attend a motorcycle safety course. **This means motorcycle operators, both military and DOD civilian personnel, will not be able to register or ride their motorcycle on-post until they complete the safety course. I am applying this restriction to military personnel riding off post as well; bottom line, park your motorcycle until you have completed the motorcycle safety course.** The only exception is riding a motorcycle to the scheduled training course. Military Police and Gate Guards will closely monitor installation entry points for compliance. Commanders are responsible for enforcement and ensuring personnel attend required training.

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5. Operators and riders are required to wear a Department of Transportation approved helmet properly fastened under the chin, shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet (a windshield or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection), full-fingered gloves, long trousers and long sleeve shirt or jacket, and over-the-ankle shoes. During daylight hours, riders will wear either a brightly colored upper outer garment (i.e., long sleeve shirt or jacket) or a brightly colored cover (e.g., vest) over the upper outer garment. During hours of darkness, riders will wear either an upper outer garment with reflective material (patches, stripes) sewn into it or a reflective cover, (e.g. vest) over the top of the upper outer garment. If PT belt is used, it will be worn diagonally over the shoulder.
6. Motorcycle/moped must have a rearview mirror mounted on the handlebar or fairing and have headlight turned on at all times when operated. The wearing of headphones or earphones, operating built-in headset in approved helmets, or inserting any audio device into the ear is prohibited while riding on Fort Knox. Use of these devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, horns, and the approach of other vehicles.
7. The 2004 motorcycle classes are scheduled for 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October, and 19 November. Additional classes will be added as demand dictates. Contact Mrs. Betty Saxon, 4-4306, or e-mail Betty.Saxon@knox.army.mil to arrange for training.



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